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Editors' Table.

WITH this issue the UNDERGRADUATE dismisses those who have had its interests in charge for the last year to make way for what it believes to be the most faithful and efficient board of editors it has ever known. Thanking them for the character of their work and help to us in our editorial labors, we welcome them to the positions they have gained for themselves. We wish them all success and advancement in their self-inflicted duties and that the pleasure and experience derived may be of as much real worth to them as has been our own to ourselves.

IT is because of a possible future feeling of duty neglected that we have a word of warning and advice for our successors and all aspirants for UNDERGRADUATE honors. If it be, which we do not think is the case with the incoming board, that any seek positions for the sake of glory, we want to say, don't do it; it wont pay. If any expect to live on the strength of past accomplishments or to grow famous because of an editorial election, again we say, don't think of it; it is a mistake. It is something more than an honor or a mere pastime that comes to a student elected to an editorial position upon his college paper. It is a responsibility involving the interests, welfare and reputation of himself, his fellow-students and the alumni of his college. We are convinced that what is estimated as special literary ability in itself will not make a success of a college paper; it is nothing else than constant and hard work; this means work by the whole board and not merely by the editor-in-chief. The board of editors for best success must each be on the lookout for matters of interest and importance for their paper and all work together for its good and advancement; they must not forget that the UNDERGRADUATE is the organ of the college and must be broad enough in its scope to be interested in all that concerns its welfare, and not to deal merely with the passing matters of college routine. We believe that our successors enter upon their duties with a determination to make the influence of the UNDERGRADUATE as strong, as broad and as elevating as is possible by any effort of theirs. With a sigh of regret for our own failures and shortcomings and plans unfulfilled, we urge our successors to never tire of giving their best thought and work to their paper and the year's issues will be for them a matter of satisfaction and success beyond all measure of their calculation.

WE understand that the Seniors, who have been characterized by an active, aggressive spirit throughout their college course, have again made themselves heard through a petition to the faculty for a change in the usual programme of Commencement exercises. Whether it is their wish to wholly do away with the present form of Commencement exercises and to have merely an address by some noted man

upon that day, instead of orations and essays, as is now the custom with some of our colleges, or whether it is their wish to merely reduce the number of speakers, is not certain. It is certain, however, that if the method of procedure upon Commencement day, heretofore in vogue at Middlebury, is not already wearisome and unsatisfactory, it will soon become so. It is to be hoped that some satisfactory arrangement may be agreed upon whereby the length of the exercises may be shortened and their interest to the ever-present but long-enduring audience may be enhanced.

THERE is a saying handed down from E. E. Hale for future generations to the effect that, "If the people would only stop talking when they stop knowing, half the evils of life would come to an end." Its truth is readily recognized. How much trouble is caused by the person who always has something or worse than something to say on all occasions cannot well be estimated. Then, again, we might change the latter part of this supposition and say—if the people would only stop talking when they stop knowing, they would be much more agreeable to other people, and other people would not so easily perceive when they had stopped knowing.

Those individuals who make themselves prominent for much talking may do well to think about what they are saying amounts to and whether the above concerns them or not. Also, when explaining questions of importance to the professors, they should bear in mind the second way the proposition is put. Of a truth it is much better to keep still than to talk and not say anything.

THAT a liberal education is increasing both in value and popularity is attested by the fact that the entering class in our colleges increases yearly more than in proportion to the increase in population; especially is this noticeable this year. This is undoubtedly due both to the fact that there are more ways open for obtaining a college education and the increased need of one. At the present time not only do men who were denied the advantages of a liberal education, as well as the college-bred man, largely endow our institutions, but go farther and found new ones. These men, who have risen through disadvantages with limited education, are the more anxious to send their sons to college. People more fully realize that a college education is useful and needful not only in professions but in all vocations in life. Great deeds are and have been achieved without a higher education, but the time has arrived in the world's history when a young man to be best started for a life of highest happiness and usefulness must be college-bred.

SPEAKING of innovations in the proceedings of Commencement week, we are reminded of an ancient and honored custom in vogue in many institutions which we have often wished was a matter of custom with us. It is the matter of Class-Day exercises. There is no exercise of commencement week that can be of more interest and value to the students and all who would be likely to attend. Graduates are always looking upon their class-day proceedings as among the most memorable and enjoyable of their course. The class of ninety-three is capable of presenting an excellent class-day program. It would be a step worthy of commendation for them to take immediate measures for carrying out such a plan.

POPULAR EDUCATION.

MUCH is being said at the present time upon the subject of popular education, as to whether it is accomplishing, in bettering the condition of the whole people, all that it is capable of doing. President Elliott of Harvard in the December *Forum* has expressed his ideas in a very forcible manner and has attracted more attention to the subject than any other writer.

The general cry seems to be that the morals of the country are not up to the standard which they should be in comparison with the intellectual standard and that there has been a laxity of moral training in the school system. It is without doubt that the accusation is a true one, but are there not very plain reasons for such a state of affairs? We are living in an age when the man with the greatest intellect is the greatest man, even though his morals be of a very low standard. This is true both among men of business and those who control the affairs of state. The fact seems to have been recognized by educators, and being desirous that the young should attain to popular success, have investigated the means of training the intellect and slighted the growth of the sensibilities and will-power. Various measures are put forth for changing these tendencies. College presidents and professors express their views and

seem to think the trouble all lies in the grammar school, high school and other preparatory schools. It would almost make one think that the morals of the college were perfect, or else that the student had reached a stage past redemption. The riotous pro ceedings of the college students in New York after the football game last Thanksgiving day would seem to prove the latter condition.

Why should not college faculties take some of the blame to themselves and apply some remedies within their own jurisdiction? Teachers in lower schools always look to the higher ones for information in methods and follow their example, if they are seeking to rise in the profession. Therefore, if the colleges inaugurate some feasible plan, other schools will not be slow in following their example. For instance, whenever a college raises the amount of Latin required to enter, the curricula of the various preparatory schools are immediately enlarged to accommodate the new requirement.

Among the requirements for admission to all colleges is, that the candidates shall be of good moral character. Yet no one ever knew of a person being refused admission on account of his morals if the examinations were satisfactory. Let the moral requirement of colleges be enforced and preparatory schools will fit their students in this department. It is fully as important that moral influences should prevail up on the student in college as well as before entering, since he is thrown upon his own resources at an age and for a period which is final in fixing his character. Also the college-educated man without good tendencies can do more injury than a hundred men who have not attained a knowledge of the underlying principles of economical and social conditions. A great many find out their power and influence over those who are less educated and use it in furthering their own unscrupulous ends. Thus it is that men are turned from college with a diploma, who intend setting out upon a career to become political demagogues.

It has been put forward that the reasoning powers of students are not trained enough, and also not in the right manner; that these powers should be trained in such a way that they may look at the surrounding conditions and reason from the causes which are before them to the effects they will produce in the future. Thus they will be led to care for things beyond themselves and their own age. To promote the reasoning powers, it has been suggested that less mathematics be required of students. The idea is that it doesn't aid the reason enough, and what it does is not the right kind; that in actual life we have to do entirely with probable reasoning, while in mathemetics the reasoning is necessary. Now, if probable reasoning is dealt with to too great an extent without having necessary reasoning with it, to steady it, the tendency is to become less accurate. In the very beginning of the study of mathematics, when the child takes up arithmetic, he learns that with given conditions he must get a certain fixed result. He learns that some things in life have but one correct result, while in other branches he sees numerous results for certain conditions, and thinks any one of these results is well enough; but from the arithmetic, where there is only one result, he realizes that in the other branches there is only one best way. Thus it is that necessary reasoning is the safeguard to keep probable reasoning within bounds. If the Anarchists and Socialists were better acquainted with it, their wild fancies, which seems to be probable reasoning to them, would be held in check.

If our college faculties would bring before their students some method of moral culture and make the students feel the necessity of it, and by diligence make a success of some plan and prove to the people that they are in the right path, they will find all the other grades of educational institutions eager to take it up and carry it on.

AS TO LITTLE THINGS.

DR. CYRUS HAMLIN, eight years ago president of Middlebury College, once said in an address at Woodford's, Chicago: "My life depended on the making of a screw. When at Bowdoin college, in 1832, I made a small brass screw for Prof. Smith's theodolite. This little act led to the making of a steam engine, the first ever built in Maine." During the next vacation of ten weeks Dr. Hamlin completed an engine and sold it for $175, enough to pay a year at Bowdoin. Observe well the characteristics of great men. You will find that he who would rule well must first serve. But some have set their mark higher and scorn to do little things. He who scorns to do little things may never have the opportunity to do great things; for the things that are deemed great are often actually small, and things that seem small are often great in their bearings and consequences. Trifles

lighter than straw are often the feathers that turn the scale of character and destiny. The great events of the world are gradual in their progress and slow in their growth. Whatever comes to pass suddenly generally passes away suddenly. Startling theories and speculations, which break forth upon the world like the sun from behind a cloud, soon sift upon the earth their expiring ashes. Excitement in church or state, that springs itself upon the world like meteors or the lightnings, is soon followed by more dense darkness.

We shall find, by careful observation of things, that great and valuable results are usually of gradual growth from slight original causes. The least of seeds becomes a great tree, under which the birds of the air come and shelter themselves. The vast river rolls on to the ocean. It leaps cataracts, floats navies, impels mighty machinery and waters wide regions of country; yet it started, may be, in the crevice of a rock, or even a dew-drop not larger than a tear. Great islands and archipelagoes, the seat, perhaps, of mighty empires, are the work often of very small animals that build them up slowly from the bottom of the sea. It is said that a whisper slightly stirs the air around the globe. Touch the sea anywhere with your finger and you move relatively the whole body of water. Nothing is more certain than that our every word or act, in its moral influence upon the world, is like the result just named. Such is the moral and social machinery that there is need only of the touching of a match, the pressing of a spring or the turning of a valve to start a powerful train of consequences. The eating of an apple led to the world's fall, and the falling of an apple to the world's philosophy.

The mariner's needle and its play are little matters, but the discovery of continents and the carrying on of the world's commerce are not little matters. The nice touches and shades given by the artist to his paintings are little matters, but little here makes perfection. "Recollect that trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle." The sculptor does not mould the human countenance at once; a thousand blows rough-cast it, says one, and ten thousand chisel points polish it and bring out its exact features. It is a work of time. So do human influences and actions slowly chisel out our fixed characters and habits. Every day adds something to the work. There is power in littles. Little acts are the elements of true greatness. They raise life's value, like the little figures over the larger ones in arithmetic, to its highest power. They are the tests of character and disinterestedness. They are the straws upon life's deceitful current which show the current's way. All the heart comes out in them. They move on the dial of character and destiny alike, indicating the future of one's destiny. It is seldom that acts of moral heroism are called for, but rather the real heroism of life is to do its little duties promptly and faithfully. He who waits to do wonders in this world in any other way than by doing little duties will have to bewail a life lost at least, without scarcely anything having been accomplished or any one having been benefited by their learning or genius.

Communication.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

ONE of the greatest failings among the students at Middlebury college is their lack of system and utter want of business principles in their transactions and associations—those associations directly and indirectly connected with the college. Nor is this confined to any one association, but every one here at Middlebury college, and, if I err not, even to the fraternities, including all associations from the athletic associations to the Young Men's Christian associations; the latter, above all, which ought to be strictly managed. But they all seem to be run in the same manner. Elect officers, no matter who, the poorest man for the place just as quick as any one else. Then the whole affair is dropped as though it were a dead association. The officers are only so in name; they do none of the work for which they were elected, and the associations go on barely eking out a miserable existence. If, perchance, there is a treasurer elected, he keeps no books, is in no way responsible for the money paid him, takes money from whoever will pay and pays to whoever asks, using no bills or receipts, or, if any, not enough to keep the matter straight. We do by no means say any of these officers are or have been dishonest, but it leaves their conduct open to suspicion. Tried though they may be, as honest as can be, yet no adequate reports are rendered, and, in many cases, I think it safe to assume the treasurer could not tell whether the money in his pocket belonged to him or some one else. Now, such a state of affairs as this is absurd and disgusting. We

have recently seen the bad effect of managing affairs in this way. Not only this instance but several others should remind us that a radical change is necessary. Now, the student body should take hold and remedy this; but, if they will not, then the faculty of the college should withhold no efforts or measures to bring about a change. The lethargic manner in which the faculty treated the recent affair when complained to, is characteristic of the whole manner in which the associations about here are run. In such affairs, where they have a direct influence on the college, and the students will not change them, they should be made to. The faculty would do well to be awake to such mattters or injury to the college is sure to result.

A change may be effected by electing good men for the position, by giving every student a chance to express his opinion and not by electing officers from "the ring" or "the Senate", but men who will work and see that everything is right. Then, again, men who handle any great amount of money during the year should give bonds and an itemized account kept ready to report at any time. Then, associations should get true zeal into the association itself. Let them either be alive and like others of their kind or else die altogether. Our Y. M. C. A. does practically nothing when compared to a good live association. We need mightily to be shaken and aroused from our easy-going way in such affairs at Middlebury college. In a college where a student has to spend 23 out of 24 hours in a day getting lessons and reciting, such a state of affairs in other relations should not be allowed to exist.

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Alumni Department.

[*At a meeting of the Associated Alumni, Commencement, '91, it was unanimously resolved: "That we heartily endorse* THE UNDERGRADUATE *and warmly recommend it to the Alumni as a valuable means for furthering our common interests in the college and our interests in each other." We respectfully solicit your subscriptions and contributions. Class-histories, reminiscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

MILFORD, DEL., March 4, 1893.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

I HAVE never ceased to love the good old town of Middlebury with all its beautiful surroundings and memorable associations; and my heart has yearned more than once to visit again and look upon the honored college where four years of my young life were spent. I was at Commencement in '49 and at Junior Exhibition in '64, but have not been there since. I have seen but one of my classmates during the long interval of nearly fifty years since we left the classic halls of our dear Alma Mater and parted never to meet on earth again. Brevity is said to be the soul of wit, but there are so many places to begin at and such a flood of memories come rushing in, that it is difficult to fix on a starting or stopping point.

I had no "Jonathan" in college. There were too many pressing cares, too many bills to meet, to say nothing of lessons to get. There was no father rolling in wealth to furnish funds for tuition and board. There was no way to make the opposite shore but by rowing against the current in a canoe of my own make. I loved all my classmates, but did not have time to love one much more than another. Perhaps I associated with Remele, Folsom and Goodrich, who roomed in the same division, more than with any others. Remele roomed directly over me for a year, and many a time in the "wee sma' hours" did he rap on the floor and shout: "Old Poultney, *quid tempus est*"? When Folsom had nothing new to speak, the "Downfall of Poland" was an old stand-by, and he could personate the "whiskered Pandours and fierce Hussars" to perfection.

Fifty years ago Juniors generally presided at the bell-rope. As memory serves me, Rankin rang the bell the first term, Goodrich the second and I the third. When my turn came, the clock which had descended through a long line of illustrious bell-ringers was bought by me from Goodrich and kept for my own private use. While writing these lines it sits on a shelf near by and its gentle tick sounds soft and low in my ears. Every stroke of its musical bell reminds me of my dear classmates and the honored Faculty of Middlebury College fifty years ago. It has been the grand rounds with me. Though never borne as a trophy in Confederate camp or court, it is now faithfully marking time in the Diamond State. There is an indescribable sweetness in the whispering *tick, tock* of the trusty clock, one of the heir looms of my college days. Another cherished relic of collegiate life is our class chair, in which I am now sitting. Tutors Bascom, Churchill, Munger, Hadley, President Labaree, Profs. Stoddard, Twining, Smith, Adams, Meacham and perhaps others have occupied it, and I never sit *in* it, or rise *from* it without feeling reverent and imagining that the good spirits of all those faithful Christian instructors are hovering near. Under the

seat in bold, black figures is inscribed "1848", which was done by Rich. Though a traveler in many different States, the old class chair is well preserved. I love these gentle reminders of the past, and who will dare to chide me for loving the old class chair of '48, and the sweet-voiced clock that has gone *tick, tock* for fifty years without a lock in wheel or weight. Methinks the sound of its melodious bell would cause Rankin and Goodrich to laugh in their sleep, while Remele would shout, "Hello, Old Poultney, *quid tempus est.*"

As the sweet perfume of a rose just plucked, or a faded "flower in a book," placed there by some dear friend years ago, awakens memories almost forgotten, so the inspiring tick of the college clock that has told the hour for rising and retiring for a half century full of wonderful events, reminds me that the class of '48 is fast approaching the twilight between the *today* and *tomorrow*.

The Hon. Merritt Clark of Poultney, the last surviving member of the class of 1823, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He wrote a beautiful poem for the occasion, "A retrospect at 90," in which he says:

"Life's long enough at three score ten,
When prime is past with most of men."

Twenty years ago Mr. Clark was one of the first business men in Vermont; and even now at the ripe age of 90 his intellect is unclouded, and his busy public and private life for four score years and ten, stamps him as one of the remarkable men of the country. Dr. I. N. Sprague of the same town, the only living exponent of the class of 1822, was also present at that interesting event. The good Dector is *only* 92, and he and friend Clark and ths Rev. Calvin Granger, aged 88, all Poultney boys, bid fair to round out the century and outlive many more who took their first degree twenty-five years later. Yes, "a calm, serene, cheerful old age is always useful." To be a young man again might not be desirable unless circumstances could be otherwise. Some of the class of '48 could swing the scythe and handle the pitchfork, follow the plow, teach school, drive team, in fact, do anything that would enable them to drink deep at the Pierian spring. A boy not born to eat with a silver spoon, who is straining every nerve to get through college, looks the whole world in the face, regardless of broiling sun or cheeks of tan. *No*, there have been so many more sorrows than joys crowded into the lives of some of us that we would fain reach the goal of our life without passing over the course again. Returning home after a brief absence I am surprised and grieved to read in the UNDERGRADUATE a notice of the death of another worthy classmate, Sumner Albee. In college Albee was a young man of sterling merit and unblemished character, and has, doubtless, filled up the measure of life as a man and Christian. The clock of time moves on. One after one our friends depart. Death waves the fatal wand and there is silence.

R. E. MARANVILLE, '48.

Obituary.

'42. Timothy E. Smith.

HON. TIMOTHY C. SMITH died suddenly Feb. 26 at Middlebury, Vt. Death was almost instantaneous. It resulted from a form of heart disease. Mr. Smith was 73 years of age. Mr. Smith was a native of New Haven, Vt. He graduated from college with the class of 1842, among the members of which were Columbus Smith, Esq., of Salisbury and the late Dugald Stewart of Middlebury. Soon after graduation he obtained a position in the treasury department at Washington. There he remained for several years, when he took up the study of medicine, and graduated from the medical department of the University of the City of New York in 1855. The Crimean war was then in progress, and an agent of the Russian government enlisted the services of Mr. Smith and several of his classmates as surgeons. He was in the Russian army for two years. In the meantime he had married the daughter of an English surgeon who had charge of the hospital at Odessa, where he was stationed. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to America at the end of the war and lived a number of years in New Haven. In 1861 Mr. Smith was appointed United States consul at Odessa, which office he continued to hold till 1875. He was made consul at Galatz in 1878 and retained the place till 1883. About 1886 he came to America, accompanied by a son and daughter, who have since been in schools and colleges. Two younger sons came later and are also being educated in America. Mrs. Smith is in Odessa with the younger children, having been prevented from accompanying her husband hither by the condition of her mother, who was too infirm to be left or to travel. She has lately passed away, and Mrs. Smith and her children intended coming to America this summer. Mr. Smith's oldest son is a practicing physician at

Odessa. His business gave him opportunities for extended travel, and he had, besides, made long journeys into other regions of Europe and Asia on his own account. The funeral was held at the Sayre homestead in Middlebury, but the burial has been deferred because of a doubt as to whether certain death had ensued or not.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'23. Hon. Merritt Clark of Poultney celebrated his 90th birthday at his house, Feb. 12. It was a notable gathering of aged men, the youngest being 78 years old. Among the guests was Rev. Isaac N. Sprague, aged 92, who was a classmate of Mr. Clark at Middlebury. These two persons are the only surviving members of the class of 1823, and with one exception the oldest living graduates of the college. For more than half a centuary he has been one of the active men of Western Vermont. He has been a member of the lower branch of the State Legislature six terms, and has served as State senator seven years. He has also been a member of the State board of education and was a member of the State constitutional convention of 1870. In 1852 he was Democratic candidate for congressman; the same party nominated him for governor in 1854. He attended the Democratic National convention of 1852 as a member, and was pension agent for Vermont under President Polk. For sixty years he has been a trustee of Castleton Seminary and State Normal School. Mr. Clark was the projector of the Rutland and Washington Railroad and its president for nine years. During his presidency Jay Gould was Superintendent of the road. He retired from business ten years ago, since which time he has given himself up to study and literary pursuits, winning as an author more than local celebrity.

'34. Concerning Orson Rockwell, who was a Baptist clergyman and teacher at Richmond, Alabama, when last definitely heard of, James Simmons of the class of '41, and a lawyer at Lake Geneva, Wis., recently wrote Prof. Boyce: "I knew Orson Rockwell, also of 1834, and endeavered to get from his relatives in this region some certain information in regard to his death. All I could learn, however, was that at the breaking out of the rebellion he was teaching at or near Atlanta, Ga. His school was broken up, and he, remaining loyal, suffered much during the war, and died soon after its close."

'41. James Simmons, who for many years has been a busy and successfu lawyer at Lake Geneva, Wis., has recently added to the legal literature he has published his "Tenth Digest" and "Third Volume of bound Reports." In a recent letter he said: "Timothy C. Smith was originally of my class—that of 1841—but was one of those who in 1840 went without leave to Burlington to hear Webster or Clay deliver a political speech and was "rusticated" for so doing. Had the few of us who did not go known that the others were going, the class might have been reduced to much smaller dimensions than it was. We all feel that he has honored our class and like to claim him as one of us".

'48. Of the late Sumner Albee, Dr. Andrew Peabody of Cambridge, who had been associated with him on Charity Boards, recently said: "I have known no better man. He has lived the gospel, in which he believed, and has been a close follower of Him, whose blessed promises he is now realizing in heaven. His has seemed to be a thoroughly consecrated life; so that the death-change is only foreseeing on the other side of the separating stream, the path in which he walked with God, this side. Dr. Alexander Mackenzie, among his Scripture selections, read the first Psalm, repeating after each phrase: 'This was the man'; "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." This was the man!' And so through the whole Psalm. It was so much a touch of real Christian instinct that it was very impressive."

'58. Of the late Stephen A. Walker, Henry A. Beekman, a legal friend and a man who was with him on the Board of Education for New York city for many years, said through the New York *Post* of Feb. 7: "The life and character of Stephen A. Walker were such as to call for more than a mere passing notice of his death. All who knew him, and they were many, will unite with me in saying that the world is better for his having lived in it. Higher tribute than this

cannot be paid to any one. For many years he was actively engaged in the practice of the law in this city with such success that he won for himself a foremost place in the ranks of his profession. This was due to natural ability combined with learning, industry and a conscientious devotion to the performance of duty. His standard of professional conduct was exceptionally high. His sense of duty to his client never led him to doubtful extremes in supporting a cause, nor could he induced to use any of the arts of the advocate in upholding a proposition he believed to be unsound. He never forgot that the ends of justice were the ultimate object of judicial investigation and that he was one of her ministers. This honesty of character, associated with patient investigation and natural soundness of judgment, gave special value to his advice. His mind was eminently judicial in its character and it was always a matter of regret to his friends that he had not been raised to the Bench, where his capacity for usefulness to the public would have found its widest and most congenial field for action. It was these high qualities which made him a most valuable public servant in the important offices which he filled. As president of the Board of Education, to which office he was repeat edly chosen, his constant aim was to raise the public schools to a higher plane of efficiency and to protect them from the blight of political manipulation. No one more deeply realized that public office was a trust which demanded a most scrupulous administration of its duties, and the faithful and able manner in which he conducted the business of the office of United States District Attorney, to which he was appointed by President Cleveland, made the appointment a most creditable one, and added to the dignity of the office itself. His disposition was most kindly, full of sympathy, and so open and genial that he easily inspired friendships that were warm and enduring. A life of such usefulness and an example so worthy of imitation should not be easily forgotten."

'81. Harry B. Boice, M. D., is not at Pensacola, Florida, as was announced through mistake in our last issue. Since September, 1891, he has been instructor in Physiology and Physical training in the State Normal School at Trenton, N. J.

'90. William H. and Frederick Button have recently formed a law partnership. Their office is in the new Battell block at Middlebury.

APPEAL.

GENTLEMEN OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

IT is with the greatest hesitancy that I appeal to you to aid the Athletic association of Middlebury College, and yet I feel that the worthiness and urgency of the cause allow me this privilege. Middlebury College has perhaps never in her history had a better base ball team than at the present, and it seems a pity to suppress its enthusiasm and strength. It is the intention of the Athletic association to build, if possible, a large grand stand capable of accommodating four hundred persons or more. The want of such a stand has been keenly felt in this institution. At present the accommodations for seating so many people are very small. For this project the association needs your assistance. You should not forget that a college is practically obscure which has not a powerful association. To you who once indulged in athletic pastimes, do I especially direct this petition. But there is surely not one alumnus who may read these lines who has not the welfare of his Alma Mater at heart, and who does not make her interests his interests.

The amount we need is about $125 to raise the grand stand this spring. There is every possibility in raising this amount if you gentlemen feel personally interested in the matter of our progression. I only ask that you reach in your pockets and present to us as much money as you are willing and desirous of giving.

Hoping you will not cast aside the petition of assistance, I remain

Cordially yours,

GEORGE DOW SCOTT, Mgr.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

ALLOW me, through your columns, to sketch briefly the history and travels of this season's Glee Club.

Organized November 5, with C. E. Hesselgrave as leader, we immediately began regular practice. After the club had rehearsed for about two weeks the leader assigned the parts as follows: C. B. Toleman '94, E. M. Roscoe '96, 1st tenor; C. E. Hesselgrave '93, H. H. Seely '94, 2d tenor; G. L. Hasseltine '93, H. E. Wells '94, 1st bass; W. H. Eldredge '95, E. L. Cushman '95 and S. S. Eddy 94, 2d bass.

Our first concert was given at Cornwall, Dec. 14. From its first appearance the success of the Club was

assured. Friday, Dec. 16, found us at Vergennes. Dec. 30 we gave the Commencement concert at Castleton Normal school.

Our last trip was made last month, beginning with Feb. 21 at Port Henry. Feb. 22 we were to sing at Ticonderoga, but the great storm shut us out. We postponed the concert till Saturday, Feb. 25, when we gave it to a very appreciative audience. Thursday, Feb. 23, we sang at Rutland, and Friday, Feb. 24, at Middlebury. Our last trip, though not on the whole successful financially considered, yet as a concert troupe we established a reputation which we can sustain. On our last trip we were accompanied by F. W. Thomas, formerly of '93, whose bass solos were enthusiastically received at every concert.

And now, as we look back over the season, we remember the continual drill and the great mass of work done, but we remember, on the other hand, the pleasant acquaintances formed on the several trips, and best of all have shown the people of Western Vermont and Eastern New York that though "Old Midd." may not be so noted in athletic lines as some of her neighbors, yet when it comes to singing she is equal to any troupe that appears as a College Glee club. As several have remarked, "Your Glee club will do honor to Middlebury wherever it appears."

To those who may have the Glee club in charge next year we would say, we hope that you will excel all previous records next year. You can do it if you *will*. Keep the musical standard of the Glee club so high above all others, as it now is, that they may look to Middlebury for an example, and by so doing may learn how to sing.

GEO. L. HASSELTINE, '93, Manager.

Town and Campus.

Spring term will begin April 6.

College closes Tuesday, March 21.

President Brainerd was in Boston Feb. 28.

Long '96 is boarding at the Pierce House.

Moore '96 visited friends in Weybridge Feb. 26.

Prof. in Latin,—"Such words are at least suggestive".

Dorsey '95 was sick a few days the first of the month.

Sophomores had their final examination in German Feb. 25.

Junior Exhibition will take place Tuesday evening, March 21.

Walker '91, who is now in Burlington, visited college Feb. 25.

A new striking bag has recently been put in the gymnasium.

Colby '92 visited friends in town and college the first of March.

Wilson '95 went to Ticonderoga March 3, remaining over Sunday.

Scott '95 visited Boston for a few days the latter part of February.

Donoway '93 went to New York city February 25, returning March 2.

Saturday morning, March 11, ended the rhetoricals for the winter term.

One morning during the heavy storms one co-ed only was at chapel exercises.

Wright '95 reports Cornwall to be the worst town in the county for snow-drifts.

Williamson, formerly of the class of '95, is at present engaged in the study of music.

Seeley '93, Wynne '93 and Sturtevant '93 are boarding at the Addison House.

Seeley '93, Wells '94 and Williamson '95 took part in the concert at Weybridge March 1.

Vicker '95 preached in Weybridge Sunday, March 5 and 12, in place of Hesselgrave '93.

Mrs. Prof. W. W. Eaton is in New York, where she will pass some weeks visiting relatives.

Several of the students with ladies attended a social in Addison Tuesday evening, March 7.

Goodman '96 has been confined to his room for a few days recently with a quinsy sore throat.

Annah Belle Sheldon '92, who isteaching at Ludlow, Vt., visited friends in college March 2.

Seeley '93 went to Glens Falls, N. Y., March 13, to see H. C. Parsons of that city on business.

Mrs. McGilton is drilling the young ladies' banjo club. The club at present contains 14 members.

Hesselgrave '93 was elected commissary of Starr Boarding Hall, March 3, vice LaFleur '94, resigned.

Taylor '96 returned to college March 13, having completed his term of school at Middletown Springs.

Some of the students attended a social at C. P.

Abernethy's in Weybridge Tuesday evening, March 14.

Mrs. Roscoe of New Haven was in town over Sunday, March 11–13, visiting her son, E. M. Roscoe '96.

Most of the members of the base ball team intend to remain in town during vacation for practice and training.

Prof. T. E. Boyce was re-elected member of the county board of education for Middlebury at its recent town meeting.

The Glee club concert at the town hall, Feb. 24, was a grand success and was listened to by a large and appreciative audience.

J. Cadwell of Beeman Academy, New Haven, called on friends in college February 24. He intends to enter college next year.

A reception was given at Mrs. Beckwith's March 7 for Mr Dickens, the new pastor of the Congregational church, and wife.

Cady '93 went to Rutland March 8 to the district union of Good Templars, representing Cold Spring lodge of East Middlebury.

Lamson '96 was one of the debaters upholding the theories of "Evolution" at the Young Men's Debating Club in Cornwall Feb. 20.

Prof. A. L. Janes was made president of the Addison County Christian Endeavor union at its convention in Vergennes, Feb. 25.

Miss Roseman '96 has thought it best to leave college for the rest of this term because of poor health, but intends to return next term.

The parents of Eva May Barton '96 have recently moved into town from Bristol. Miss Ross '95 and Miss Roseman '96 are boarding with them.

Quite a number of the students have written concerning positions at Chicago during the World's fair, but few satisfactory answers have as yet been received.

A large number of the students attended the chicken pie supper and circulating library given at Miss Pierce's March 8, under the auspices of the Baptist church.

Several of the students went to Vergennes Feb. 25 to attend Y. P. S. C. E. convention. Miss Pollard '96 read a paper on "The Use and Abuse of the Bible" at the same.

On account of the severe storm, the last lecture of the Burton course was postponed and given in the College chapel the following afternoon. The lectures made a most enjoyable and valuable course.

"Past Redemption" was given at Holley Hall, Bristol, Wednesday evening, March 15, Fullam '95 and Lamson '96 taking parts. Music was furnished by Miss Roseman and Roscoe of the Freshman class.

Miner '93 was obliged to give up college duties Feb. 28, because of an attack of jaundice, and will not be able to return this term. He removed to Miss Comstock's after a few days and has been cared for there.

Taylor '93, pitcher for the college base ball team, who was in doubt for a while whether he would be able to play during the coming season, has decided in the affirmative. Prospects for a good team are excellent.

Roscoe, Russell, Miss Roseman and Miss Ware attended a drama given by students of Beeman Academy at New Haven on the evening of March 1. Hasseltine '93 and Lamson '96 were among others of those that were there.

Dr. W. H. Sheldon has the north end of his store. which is devoted to the drug department, all finished, and he has opened for business. The store and the fittings are of excellent workmanship and tasteful design, which make it one of the most elegant stores in town.

The Young Men's Christian association of the college has elected these officers for the current year: President, H. A. Vicker '95; vice-president, E. H. Dorsey '95; corresponding secretary, Guy C. Lamson '96; recording secretary, E. J. Fullam '96; treasurer, W. S. Grant '95.

President Brainerd has in his posession a great curiosity. It is the original copper plate from which was printed the invitation for the commencement ball of the college at its first commencement, in 1802. There was but one member in the graduating class A. Petty, whose name, with those of H. Chapin, H. Chipman, M. Cook, T. E. Hale and T. D. Huggins, members of the junior class, appears on the plate. The ball was given in "Stowell's hall," which stood where Mr. Tupper's residence now is. The hour of the dance was "6 o'clock p. m." H. Chipman, one of the managers, was a brother of Hon. Daniel Chipman, formerly of Middlebury and Ripton. He mi-

grated to Michigan, which State is now represented in congress by one of his sons. The plate was plowed up in a field at Mason, ten miles south of Lansing, Mich., a few years ago. The supposition is that the elder Chipman took it with him and that it was lost. It is somewhat bent and a trifle corroded, but is still legible.

The last of the Saturday morning lectures for this term by Professor Plehn was an interesting account of student societies in German Universities. His talk showed that there is very little correspondence between the German and American student societies. We never enter politics, as a society, or seek to control social life, while their societies have always mixed themselves in outside matters by developing and disseminating ideas which have had to do with greatest political revolutions ; they always lead political thought. It is only on secondary consideration that they exert any general moral influence or seek to furnish intellectual stimulus. Two of their outside general characteristics, their dissipation and duelling, are well known, but were those their only claim to consideration they would long ago have fallen into decay ; it is held as an honor to belong to them and is held to be a fine thing for a student to belong to one of those time-honored and well-known organizations. Professor Plehn said he had departed from his regular practical political science topics this morning because of special request for a talk of this nature. His expositions and talks have all been of much interest and value, and well attended and appreciated by faculty and students.

Our Farrago.

A little old man from the West
Wore his watch in the back of his vest,
" For," said he, "'tis sublime
Ne'er to be behind time,
Though the method is awkward, at best."

—*Cynic.*

Phyllis and I fell out,
And natural it came about ;
For once we took a toboggan slide,
And somehow the thing I couldn't guide,
So,—
Phyllis and I fell out. —*Harvard Lampoon.*

DIFFERENT CAUSES—SAME RESULT.

"'Tis love that makes the world go 'round,"
These words we often hear ;
But the same phenomenon is found
In drinking wine with beer. —*Yale Lit.*

"All flesh is weak," the sage has said ;
How great was his mistake :
He never tackled, happy man,
Starr Boarding-Hall beef steak !

Prof. in Latin (dictating Latin comp.) : "Tell me, slave, where is thy horse?"—Minucius, startled, "It's under my chair, sir ; I wasn't using it." —*Ex.*

There was a fair maiden perverse
Who had an ambition to nurse ;
But her patient she fed
On cooking-school bread,
And they carried him off in a hearse.

—*Yale Record.*

BE FIRM.

Be firm :
One constant element of luck
Is genuine
Solid
Old
Teutonic pluck.
Stick to your aim ;
The mongrel's hold will slip,
But only crowbars
Loose the bull-dog's grip.
Small though he looks,
The jaw that never yields
Draws down the bellowing monarch of the fields.

—*O. W. Holmes.*

CONTINUITY AND DIFFERENTIATION.

Whenever in America,
A girl is asked to wed,
She straightway says, "Go ask papa,"
And coyly droops her head.

And over in the Fatherland,
Where flows the terraced Rhine,
She whispers, while he clasps her hand,
"Ich liebe dich allein."

But up in Russia, where the snow
Sweeps hissing thro' the firs,
She simply murmurs soft and low,
"Bhjushkst zwmstk rstk pbjunsk pjbrs."

—*Univ. Herald.*

HER LITTLE GLOVE.

Her little glove I dare aver
Would set your pulses all astir,
  It hides a something safe from sight,
  So soft and warm, so small and white,
So free from earthly blot and blur!

Let partial fate on some confer
The diamonds of a dowager,
  I only ask for my delight
  'Her little glove.

'T would satisfy a connoisseur,
This dainty thing of lavender,
  And when it clasps her fingers tight
  I think—I wonder if it's right—
That somehow—well—I wish I were
  Her little glove. —*Wesleyan Lit.*

AS TO ASTRONOMY.

Il Penseroso.

The astronomer, for the sake of rest,
Vowed he would learn to skate;
He tried,—and learned more astro-lore
Than ever he had known before;
And how the man was so much blessed,
I will to you relate.

L'Allegro.

He balanced on the magic steels,
His head changed places with his heels,
Straight skyward his skates thro' the ether did hiss,
And in less than a second he landed like this.
He grabbed at two then gliding by.—
Alas, alas! he missed 'em;
And then there flashed before his eye,
A whole new solar system.

L'Envoi.

He murmured something,—not a prayer,—
He left the glary ice,
And swore by Saturn and the Bear
He wouldn't try it twice;
E'en tho' a few spasmodical gyrations
Would show him ninety-nine new constellations.
—*Ex.*

College Notes.

Two Chinese women have entered the medical department of the University of Michigan.

Dartmouth has obtained the use of the New Hampshire building at the World's Fair for a specified day, when a college reunion will be held.

The faculty of Wesleyan University have suspended several Sophomores for hazing H. R. Johnson of Brooklyn, president of the Freshman class.

A student in a Western college proposes to deliver a lecture on Commencement day on "The Relations of the Wheelbarrow to American Elections."

President Jordan has given his ideas of the conservative customs of most American institutions by affirming that "College marks, college honors, college courses, college degrees—all these things belong, with the cap and gown and wealth of laurel berries, to the babyhood of culture. They are part of our inheritance from the past, from the time scholarship was not manhood, when the life of the student had no relation to the life of the world."

"Talk about what we need to make the college better! I would have every member of the college working so hard that he would not have time to think about the college needs. I get so discouraged trying to make students do anything; they have to be driven, and then think they are worked half to death. What we need is more enthusiasm for work, more genuine scholarly spirit, more doing of hard work for the love of it."—*Colby Echo.*

Regarding the formation of a college senate, as has of late been done in many of our institutions, we note the following from the *Dartmouth:* "A small body of conservative, fair-minded and respected students, chosen in some equitable manner from the four classes of the college, could greatly relieve the faculty and serve the student body, in adjusting those difficulties which are bound occasionally to arise, and which, under existing circumstances, cannot always be settled with fairness or satisfaction to all."

In response to the oft-repeated newspaper assertion that modern college students are now nothing but amateur athletes, *Life*, which, like the fool of Shakespeare, has the faculty of uttering more wise things than many a philosopher, says: "Their interest in athletics is noisy. Athletics are good to holler about and dispute over. Athletic squabbles make far better newspaper reading than paragraphs about Romance, French, Differential Calculus, and consequently they get far more newspaper space. But all the time the great mass of undergraduates are quietly putting in five or six hours' work on the intellectual side of edu-

cation for every one that they devote to athletics or athletic interests."—*Ariel.*

Harvard alumni intend to raise the sum of $300,000 for the erection and endowment of a building to be called the Phillips Brooks Home, and also to establish a fund for the voluntary services in Appleton Chapel. Professors Peabody, Paine and Palmer will act as trustees of the fund.

At the last meeting of the Princeton faculty the following resolutions were adopted: "*Whereas*, it appears that there has been a strong and growing student sentiment against the practice of cheating in examinations, and further that the students desire the examinations so conducted as to be put upon their honor as gentlemen; *Resolved*, That until due notice is given to the contrary, there shall be no supervision of examinations, each student simply, at the end of his paper, subscribing the following declaration: 'I pledge my honor as a gentlemen that, during this examination, I have neither given, nor received assistance.'"

UNDERGRADUATE ELECTION.

At a meeting of the UNDERGRADUATE board at 25 Starr Hall on the evening of March 15, the following editors were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Editor-in-Chief, F. N. Davis '96; Assistant Editor-in-Chief, George C. Douglas '95; Associate Editors, A. A. Sargent '94, John Barlow '95, D. P. Taylor '96, H. A. Vicker '95 and George Dow Scott '95. The records of contribution and printed matter for the last year showed that

Davis contributed		34½	columns	and had printed		19¾
Douglass	"	18	"	"	"	9⅞
Sargent	"	16 2-5	"	"	"	9⅞
Barlow	"	13¾	"	"	"	6⅞
Taylor	"	11¾	"	"	"	10¾
Scott	"	9	"	"	"	3¾
Vicker	"	4⅜	"	"	"	3

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